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WEEKEND WEATHER

Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
65 36 0%	65 37 10%	62 34 10%

Source: <http://weather.com>

NUMBER CRUNCH

\$55.1 Million

Price paid by the Boston Red Sox to negotiate with the Seibu Lions concerning pitcher Daisuke Matsuzaka.

Source: ESPN.com

The facts about HOPE

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As the end of the fall semester approaches, students are hitting the books hard to maintain their HOPE scholarships.

About 95 percent of freshmen from Georgia that enter GCSU are HOPE scholarship eligible and about two-thirds of those students keep HOPE through their first year, according to Suzanne Pittman, GCSU's director of financial aid.

HOPE checkpoints are conducted at the end of the semesters in which students reach 30, 60, 90 and 120 attempted hours and after each Spring semester. Students must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA to retain the HOPE scholarship.

Cole Lewis, a sophomore, business major thinks students need to realize that they have to focus on both semesters.

"I had to work extra hard spring semester last year to keep HOPE," Lewis said. "I knew I had to balance some of my lower grades with A's, so I kind of focused on the classes I knew I could do well in and made sure to pull out As in those to keep my GPA high enough."

Pittman said that students really need to concentrate on course work.

"(Students) need to work especially hard to keep that B average," Pittman said. "If they have any questions about studying and where they are, as far as financial aid goes, they can contact a financial aid counselor."

Students can reach the financial aid office,

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Vote: students zoned out



WILL GODFREY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
(Above) Susan Arnold, a parent from Roswell, spoke on Tuesday night about the problems this ordinance will cause for her two downtown rental homes. (Right) The City Council voted unanimously to approve the new ordinance that limits the occupancy of homes in the downtown district.

BY KYLE DOMINY
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The battle to rezone Milledgeville's Historic District and other parts of the city came to a shocking conclusion last Tuesday night as the Milledgeville City Council voted unanimously to approve the new zoning ordinance.

"I'm not very happy with it, I feel as if there was 6,000 students, over one-third of the population, that was not considered at all. I believe there was a preconceived game plan before coming in here," said Will Thompson, senior advisor of the Student Political Movement.

Thompson not only disagrees with the city's new plan, but he has a personal stake in the outcome. He lives in a house that will be affected by the ordinance.

Thompson said that he was rather concerned about what students will think once they hear about the council's decision.

"I'm worried about the 6,000 students that realize that nobody listened to their opinion. I think that

is going to be quite upsetting. I think it will be a loss for the community," Thompson said.

The council was confident in its decision and believes that the zoning change is a powerful step to a better Milledgeville.

"I think that because everyone did their homework that everyone was confident in their vote for the ordinance," said Denise Shinholster, member of the city council. "I think that it's a step forward. I would never tell you that it was a solution, because there are always instances where you have to go back and redo and re-adjust."

The meeting ran smoother than many city officials thought it would, starting with a two-hour public hearing with concerned citizens arguing for or against the ordinance.

Mayor Richard Bentley said he was proud of the way the community acted and that the city is working on a plan where students and private citizens can coexist. He also stressed the fact that the city is willing to continue

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The effects of the zoning ordinance

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According to an informal survey by The Colonnade, nearly one in six students will be directly affected by the new zoning ordinance that passed Tuesday, Nov. 14. The ordinance that was proposed nearly two months

ago limits the number of unrelated people living in a single-family dwelling.

GCSU students, as a whole, are opposed to the ordinance. Those who live in the historic district will have to move out of their current residences.

Kristen Moore is a sophomore outdoor education major who lives on North Clarke Street in a house across the street from Sodexho. She lives

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GCSU voter turnout above average



BRITTANY THOMAS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Statistics show that only 35 percent of all GCSU students voted in the 2006 mid-term elections.

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Despite gloomy skies and a depressing drizzle of rain, Katrina Verde stood her moral ground and turned out to vote at the Baldwin County Court House during this year's primary elections.

"I think that if you are going to be part of the government and understand government, then you need to vote and stand up for what you believe in," said Verde, a sophomore early childhood education major. "I don't

think that anybody has the right to complain about the government unless they have taken part in it and voted."

But Verde, a first time voter, is among the minority of students at GCSU to actually appear at the polls. According to an informal survey by The Colonnade, only 35 percent of GCSU students voted.

According to the Web site Civic Youth, only 24 percent of people 18 to 29 years of age voted in the mid-term elections.

Though GCSU's voter turnout is higher than the national average, President Dorothy Leland

hopes the findings do not reflect the habits of the entire student population.

"Let's just say that I hope that sample is not representative of the student body as a whole," Leland said. "I think that one of the most important things that we can do as citizens is participate in the electoral process. I think that a good deal of effort was gone through to make it easy for students to vote. Students have a lot of power. (They have) a voice that influences locally, statewide and nationally. (Students) are among our better-educated

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located in Parks Hall, by phone at 478-445-5149. Pittman also encourages students to take advantage of their resources. "Check PAWS and see what your GPA is and how many attempted hours you have," Pittman said. "Ask yourself 'Am I on track?'" The HOPE scholarship only covers students for up to 127 attempted hours in the semester system, defined by the Georgia Student Financial Commission as "all registered coursework attempted after high school gradua-

tion." This means that students who drop too many classes will not be covered by HOPE after they have attempted 127 hours. However, dropping classes does not affect the HOPE GPA. Pittman said that there are other financial aid options available to those students who do lose HOPE, such as need based federal programs and scholarships available off campus that often are to merit based. "Students can search for scholarships online as well as in the financial aid office," Pittman said. Pittman added that a lot

HOLDING ON TO HOPE

- In order to renew HOPE you must
- 1) Maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average
 - 2) Reapply by completing the forms designated by the financial aid office
 - 3) Be making satisfactory academic progress



of students are able to get HOPE back if they can get their GPA back to at least 3.0 at the 60, 90 or 120 hour mark. "It has to be right at that moment in time in order to regain eligibility," Pittman

said. "But it can be done with some hard work and studying." Pittman said that most students realize how much money HOPE can save them. "Having HOPE keeps

me here," said Cara Matricardi, a junior history major. "Otherwise I couldn't afford it." According to Pittman, the HOPE scholarship saves the average GCSU student about \$4500 per year. "Really the only thing you are paying for then is food and residency," Pittman said. Pittman also wanted to make sure students understand that the changes to the scholarship that have been announced do not affect students who are already enrolled. "There have been some changes to how they calculate HOPE GPA's and who gets HOPE and who doesn't," Pittman said. "Students who are already in college do not need to concern themselves with that because it only affects high school students."

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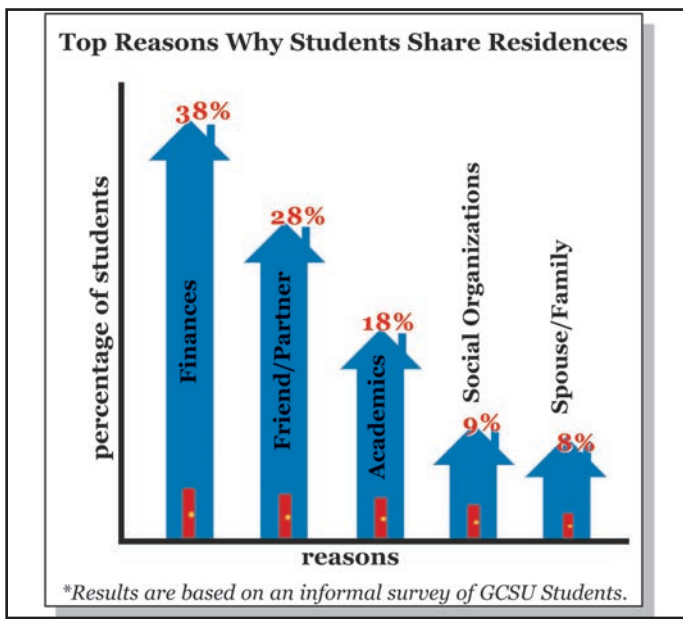
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Effects

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with seven other girls, none of whom are related. Since the ordinance passed, all eight of the girls will be forced to find another place to stay, despite the fact that the home is owned by one of their fathers. "I don't think it's fair or in our rights to kick us out of a house based on an age or based on family or what not," Moore said. Some residents in favor of the ordinance say that college students in Milledgeville are irresponsible. According to a 13 WMAZ news story on Oct. 24, Milledgeville resident Tony Brown said students' presence is a threat to his property. "My investment is there [with the ordinance]," Brown said. "I don't like to look out at somebody's trash cans and all their junk in the front of the house."

John Alton, another Milledgeville resident, told 13 WMAZ reporters he supports the ordinance because it will make Milledgeville a better community. "I want to preserve our community," Alton said. "I want our neighborhoods to be neighborhoods again." Many GCSU students resist this notion of irresponsibility. Beth Coughlin, a sophomore nursing major who will be affected by the ordinance, said she and those she lives with are not irresponsible. "We are not the college students who want to trash the house. That's not our main goal to rip it up, tear it up, do whatever we can, and live freely," Coughlin said. "It's so much more than that. It's about caring for the people in it and making their experience better through this house, pouring out love to people." Coughlin also said that



the ordinance will impact prospective students who will consider attending GCSU. "The university is going to lose people because part of coming to Georgia College is coming into the community...not just being shoved into apartments," Coughlin said. "Here we get to have our own house and be in a cute little histor-

ical community and have our own home." With the new ordinance in place many students won't have as much freedom in choosing where to live and whom to live with. Instead, they may find themselves house-hunting. Information contributed by Alexis Dannelly and Rachel McKenna

Zoning

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working with those who oppose the change. "I would like to tell those people who had opposing views tonight that over the next couple of years we are going to work with them not against them," Bentley said. "We are still interested in what they have to say. [Students] need to know that this is not student driven and it's not student specific. We want to make sure that they are welcome here, the only thing that we're trying to do is to be fair, where everybody can live." There is still one force working against the city council. And that force is Alan I. Begner, attorney at law. "I anticipate being retained to file a lawsuit and I'm going to start working on it right away," Begner said after the meeting. "I am confident that this law is unconstitutional

and that I'll be able to convince a judge of that." Begner is representing the Milledgeville Residential Investors and is prepared to take the case to the Georgia Supreme

how do you expect those students to learn and respect what they are being excluded from?" The new zoning ordinance will have two years to go into full effect. And

“ When you exclude a segment of society, like the students, from an area to try and promote exclusivity, how do you expect those students to learn and respect what they are being excluded from? ”

— Susan Arnold, Parent

Court. Parents who have bought houses for their children to live in and many landlords made appearances at the meeting, asking the council to deny the ordinance. "I feel really sad. I think it's a missed opportunity," said Susan Arnold, a resident of Roswell who has children attending GCSU. "When you exclude a segment of society, like the students, from an area to try and promote exclusivity,

no matter what city officials say, students feel like the city has turned its back on them. "I guess city council was doing their job and I can't fault them for their decision," said Janessa Hartman, president of the Student Government Association. "But I do wish that our representative would have been more on the student's side than on the Historic District's side."

Einstein's

fall harvest items

Green Chili Bagels

Pumpkin Muffins

Pumpkin Schmeear

Winter Blend Coffee

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(coming soon)

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